

OVERPOPULACIDE

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The word “**Overpopulacide**” is derived from “overpopula” - Over Population and “-cide” from the Latin word “caedere”, meaning to kill. The term populacide is used to describe the control of overpopulation by means of mass manslaughter. This term has been coined as we homo sapiens have passed the earth’s perfect capacity of 1.5 - 5 billion beings and based on the current technological and resource consumption practices, we’re likely to reach the earth’s maximum capacity of 9 – 10 billion beings very soon. Currently as of June 06, 2024, 16:30 hours there are approximately 8,114,290,000 soulful beings on this planet having an affinity for resources and physical materials to fulfill their hunger and thirst. Such an enormous population spread across the globe are met with their needs in numerous ways, although increase in population might help with the growth of a state both economically and socially, over population will result in catastrophe, as all of the beings cannot be provided with the same amount of resources for an endless amount time as an increase in population will result in considerable increase in the amount of resources consumed and for more productions, more resources are consumed and by the time all requirements are met, we shall fall into a pit of indigence. The world had not even reached a petty of 1 billion people since the dawn of agriculture up to the 17th CE, and then the world entered an unforgettable phase which had given life it’s complexity and comfortability for one of the biggest advancement period in human history, “**The Industrial Revolution**” which began in the 18th CE had brought the world population to its first billion beings with its advancement in various fields, helped life become much comfortable and as such the population started increasing. After that milestone it only took humans 130 years to double their population (2 billion). The various factors caused due to war and followed by improvements for a standard of living led to the extension of the human life span from less than 30 yrs in the 1800’s to about over 70 yrs currently worldwide, putting the newer generation along with the previous one, having to compete.

War had played a very important role in the decline of population drastically and radically. Although it didn't contribute much to the reduction of population as compared to various other tragic incidents in history, like the black death and various other diseases which had far more effects in the decline of population. "War is scene which has been provided colors with, whereas a pandemic is a self-draw portrait" this clearly helps us understand that war can be started and stopped whereas a pandemic is something unexpected. This absence of war when analyzed can help us understand its effects on population.

Imagining a world in which **Archduke Franz Ferdinand** of Austria - Hungary had not been assassinated by **Gavrilo Princip** in Bosnia. Also, if years later, **Adolf Hitler** had been accepted into art school by directors of the Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna. WW1 and WW2 as of our understanding has been prevented; therefore, millions of soldiers, innocent civilians and animals of sorts have not expired. It can be calculated:

Total Casualties as a result of WW1 – 16,543,185 (approx.)

Total Casualties as a result of WW2 – 84,000,000 (approx.)

Total Casualties of WW1 and WW2 – 100,543,185 (approx.)

Duration of the First War - 4 years, 3 months, 2 weeks (1567 days)

Duration of the Second War - 6 years, 1 day (2193 days)

Average generation: Approximately 4 generations (based that 25-30 yrs. per generation) till date.

Based on the infertility rate, population growth rate and average lifespan, the population would be around a low estimate of 455,606,943 additional people till date.

Which would put the current population at about

$8,114,290,000 + 455,606,943 = 8,569,896,943$ (8.5 billion beings)

It is also known that population "booms! "After war, generally as soldiers and civilians return and meet their loved ones, but the deaths caused by war counteracts and balances it out wherein actually more have died.

For such, there are numerous ways of decreasing population and managing overpopulation; is by educating people about family planning or in a far worse scenario wherein we would have to put up policies, such as the one-child policy in China phased out in 2015. The ultimate sheer resort to manage overpopulation would be overpopulation, although it is inhumane and morally very wrong, "the species must continue". There would be a scarcity of resources

in the future, so grim that many would resort to death or even in extreme scenarios they may resort to cannibalism. In a series of over-population experiments conducted by ethologist **John B. Calhoun** on Norway rats, he coined the term “**behavioral sink**”. He had stated that in a rat utopia where the rats were provided with unlimited food and water, the rats gradually had various behavioral changes as the population grew. Especially in males, behavioral irregularities ranged from sexual perversions to cannibalism, and from intense hyperactivity to pathological isolation, where individuals would only eat, drink, and move around when the rest of the community was asleep. Calhoun himself saw the fate of the population of rat as a metaphor for the potential fate of humankind. Many criticized this since human beings have a purpose in life and are constantly active in something whereas, the rats were devoid of any such purpose and therefore were Psychologically dead.

Overpopulation is something that's needs to be taken care of, although it Seem's to be just about fine it will have severe effects in the long run. The term overpopulacide basically means to control such situations by inhumane practices such as mass manslaughter. The word overpopulacide is in present tense and is pronounced /,oʊvərˈpɒpjələsaɪd /. Hoping that such a term would necessarily not be used, we homo sapiens must take various preventive measures to not fall into a horrifying world where all the basic necessities like food and drinkable water is scarce. To conclude I would like to say that the human brain is the most capable, since we humans are not the strongest nor the largest of the animals on this big bald rock, yet we own it. The power of thought, imagination and curiosity is what put's us forth as the superior species on this planet.
